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J.D. Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 students took down the Ontario Provincial Police team in an annual hockey game that pits officer against student. See page 20 for story.

Dysart to spruce up Head Lake Park

By Will Jones

Dysart et al council has made an application to the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) for funding to upgrade infrastructure in Head Lake Park.

Totalling \$20,000, the application includes \$11,000 to upgrade the hydro supply to various areas within the park that are used by organizations holding events; \$8,097 for the extension of a wifi zone into the park; \$2,940 for the provision of accessible toilets; \$4,500 in portable security fencing for use at events; and \$13,462 for new solar bollard lighting.

Council envisages the total cost of the project will come in at around \$40,000. In addition to the \$20,000 applied for from HCDC, the council will come forth with

\$20,000 from its coffers and it has a further \$2,350 worth of in-kind donations.

The funding application states that "the project proposes to create new infrastructure in Head Lake Park that will support existing events and festivals and also to attract new opportunities to use the park as a gathering place for the community, thus increasing potential business activity in the commercial areas of Haliburton."

The project includes the provision of a wireless network from the gazebo at the public docks to the public library; distribution of electricity from the north side of Highland Street to the public docks and redistribution of power to a new subpanel in the playground area; the acquisition of portable security fencing for use by local not-for-profit event organizers to cordon off park areas for admission

type events and to meet regulatory requirements; the purchase and installation of a barrier-free pathway to two accessible portable toilets in Head Lake Park; and finally, the installation of solar bollards to light portions of the walkway through the park from the north side of the walking bridge on the river to the parking lot on Park Street, in order to increase usage and enhance safety.

Council has the support of numerous local organizations for the project, including the Rotary Club of Haliburton, the Haliburton District Lions Club, the Haliburton BIA, Communities In Action and the Health Unit.

"We are hopeful of getting the funding and we should know by the end of April," chief administration officer Tamara Wilbee stated at the March 25 council meeting.

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Farmers' market coming back to Haliburton Village

By Will Jones

Following a delegation to council made by the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association (HCFMA) and subsequent discussions between the organization and Dysart et al, it has been confirmed that there will be a farmers' market in Haliburton Village in 2013, starting as early as June 18.

In a letter to council, the HCFMA expressed its pleasure that the market will go ahead in the village. Reeve Murray Fearrey and Ward 1 councillor Andrea Roberts met with the HCFMA in early March following a delegation by the organization. Prospective vendors for the market were also canvassed and almost 20 expressed an interest in the Haliburton Village market location.

The result of this enthusiasm and the

meeting is that both parties have agreed to work together to make the event happen. Dysart et al has agreed to assist with the provision of hydro and access to toilets, storage space for market managers' equipment, signage on County Road 21 and the 118 plus a banner in the park, permissions for signage and sandwich boards, and the waiving of the Transient Trader bylaw.

A final decision as to just where the market will be located – in Head Lake Park or on the boardwalk – will be made in the spring when the snow has fully retreated.

"It's good news that they [the farmers' market] are coming," Reeve Fearrey said of the decision. "We sat down and talked and got it figured out. I'm looking forward to a good summer in the park."

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Highlander news

Martin defiant in face of county questioning

Activist hauled before council to explain recent column

By Mark Arike

Local resident Fay Martin found herself at a March 27 county council meeting to clarify her statements in a column that appeared in the Haliburton County Echo.

"I, as a citizen, have consistently lobbied to make the provision of affordable housing for the people who live here a planning and spending priority," said Martin, who is also known to many in the community as the president of Places for People. "That is how I choose to exercise my responsibility as a human being to make the world a better place. You do not need to agree with me, but I think you do need to respect my right to do so."

The March 12 column titled "*Ensuring all people have a proper place to live*" stemmed from Martin's participation in Canoe FM's Homelessness Marathon. The program featured three-minute podcasts from across the country to raise awareness about housing issues.

In the column, Martin "drew a prolonged parallel" between the housing situation in Haliburton County and Attawapiskat First Nation community.

"We are a small and poor community, we are remote in the sense that we fly beneath most radars, and like Attawapiskat we have insufficient and inappropriate housing for our population..." she said.

Martin backed up her claims with statistics she found in the County of Haliburton Housing Study, which is

currently underway with SHS Consulting.

"They tell us, among other things, that 50 per cent of people who live here can't afford housing, that 40 per cent can't afford rent, and that homeowners are increasingly challenged to maintain their asset."

County council requested Martin explain two statements in particular in which she said the county has received an enormous amount of grant money over the last decade and has nothing to show for it. She also wrote, "If we were audited, I'm sure there would be a few missing pieces of supporting documentation."

In the column she called upon all those who should be embarrassed by the current housing crisis, including the federal, provincial and municipal governments, the construction industry and those who mismanage their spending money.

"I, as a human being, am challenging others as human beings, to take what action they can to ensure that our people have the basic necessities of life, a proper roof over their heads."

Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey acknowledged Martin's activism, but said members of the general public have misinterpreted the column.

"The problem with these kinds of articles is people on the street read them and I'm getting comments about what kinds of opportunities we've missed," said Fearrey, adding that councillors have been questioned about where the hundreds of thousands of dollars have gone.

Martin clarified that the written piece, which was a column, was meant to provoke discussion.

Dysart et al deputy reeve Bill Davis took offence to Martin's following statement: "Haliburton County is equally an embarrassment for how we mismanage housing."

"It's been an uphill battle, from my viewpoint, to get the

City of Kawartha Lakes housing," said Davis, pointing out that he's been a member of the City of Kawartha Lakes – Haliburton Housing Corporation board since 1991.

Martin said although she is pleased to see an affordable housing complex being built along County Road 21, the statistics from the study remain.

"I do applaud all action that's being taken, but it's not enough," she said.

Minden Hills reeve Barb Reid criticized Martin for her comments about the lack of affordable housing.

"That project [on County Road 21] has been incubating for about four years now," said Reid. "These things do take time. Many of the enormous streams of government money weren't for housing; they were for roads and bridges. What's a concern to me is that there was no acknowledgement given to the hard work of the housing board."

Reid questioned Martin's comment about the possibility of there being "missing supporting documentation."

"Have you asked any of the municipalities to walk you through any of the infrastructure projects to see if you're satisfied that there's been proper and accurate accounting?" she asked.

"I was writing a column, Barb," said Martin. "I wasn't doing an audit."

"Then I think you need to be a little careful with the statements you make if you haven't done the homework," retorted Reid.

Based on her response, Martin felt Reid missed the point of the column.

"I would suggest that what I was doing I did rather well, and the fact that you don't agree with it is an indication that I did rather well," she said.

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Editorial opinion

Coming together

It's not uncommon to see the community rally behind a person, event or cause in the Highlands, but every now again something happens that leaves you at a loss for words.

On November 14, 2012, a little Highlander named Jake was born with kidney problems.

He and his mother spent the first 100 days of his life at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, where he received the care he needed so he could eventually go home with his parents.

While his father worked in Haliburton, Jake's mom spent her time at the hospital, out of town. Family and friends went to visit and encourage the young family who, one can only imagine, was likely scared and unsure of what the future might hold. There are programs and systems in place for these kinds of situations. They help parents with some of the costs associated with living out of town while their child receives specialized care, but they don't cover everything.

Medical problems can really break a family's back both emotionally and financially.

You feel helpless, seeing your child in a hospital bed and knowing there's not much you can do at that point to make him feel better. You have to trust the doctors and hope they can make everything ok.

Then there's the money problem. As bills add up and expenses rise, you don't know how you're going to afford another night in the city. Meals get smaller, budgets tighter, and it's stressful trying to make it work.

Families are stronger for it. In the face of adversity, they find ways to persevere

for the benefit of the child. And sometimes, like this time, when they need a little help, a community is there to rally behind them.

When word got out about a fundraiser being held at McKeck's to benefit this youngster and his family, everyone stepped up the plate.

Businesses donated merchandise for raffles and auctions, community members provided financial donations or gifts. The response blew the family away.

Within a month, Haliburton County donated or contributed upwards of \$10,000 to this family so they could properly care for little Jake.

That money will help with travel expenses, the cost of medications and treatments, specialty equipment and other incidentals that are par for the course when dealing with an infirm child.

Jake's family would have come together and found a way to make ends meet regardless — that's what families do, after all — but this just goes to show that in Haliburton, the community is part of your family, too.

He's home now, the family re-united in Haliburton and enjoying life together. But every week they make a trip to the city for a clinical visit. And when the time comes for Jake to get his kidney transplant, there might once again be doubt and fear.

There will be no doubt, however, that the community will once again be there to lift them up and support them if needed.

Welcome home, Jake.



By Matthew Desrosiers

What a show

Since the earliest societies, political leaders have tried to control public discourse. The Romans were constantly on the lookout for signs of rebellion and would demand the renunciation of other faiths on penalty of death; the Inquisition (or inquisitions — there were several) tried, unsuccessfully, to maintain obedience by restricting public knowledge and punishing those who contradicted authority, no matter if what they said was true. Even today, certain politicians obsess over what they call "message control".

A favourite tactic in these cases, both ancient and modern, is the "dressing down". It's a ritual in which the offender is invited publicly before the leader to either recant or face the consequences.

With such a long history of its effective use against rabble rousers, it's no surprise that politicians are still attracted to the spectacle of a public humiliation. Though fortunately not prevalent in our society, every once in a while the practice is dragged out, and some kind of offender is dragged in. For a recent and quite humorous example, look up Ezra Levant's testimony to the Human Rights Commission on YouTube.

Not quite as funny was this week's public interrogation of Fay Martin about a column she wrote in the Haliburton County Echo. In the piece, Martin compared Attawapiskat to Haliburton and noted the similarities in our housing problems. She accused the federal government of leaking an audit on Attawapiskat to undermine public support for hunger-striking Chief Spence, and then suggested that an audit of our county's books might also turn up missing documentation.

This elicited the ire of elected officials on county council.

That should have been the end of it. Instead, Martin was called into the principal's office, or rather received a terse e-mail from the county CAO, writing, he said, on behalf of Warden Moffatt and "inviting" her to attend the March 27 council meeting to "explain [her] comments". It wasn't quite an offer she couldn't refuse, but Martin considered it persuasive.

To my reading of her column, the offending sentence is making the point that auditing *any* government would turn up irregularities, and that this fact alone should not distract from the main demand

of both Chief Spence and Martin — better low-income housing. To say Martin by her words is impugning the integrity of municipal and county records, and by extension the good faith and competence of local government employees, seems a bit oversensitive, if not outright ridiculous. She's being rhetorical, throwing some thoughts into the public discourse and not making literal accusations.

If Martin were making genuine allegations, which she is not, there could then be some consideration as to whether they were libellous. Except the bar for libel against public officials — which is what the county's "invitation" implies has occurred — is very high, and council probably knows that. There's just not a lot of recourse available against people saying what they like. That is a good thing.

So lacking any legal or even moral grounds, the county went for what might be the most bizarre and heavy-handed choice for redress: inviting Martin to explain herself in open council.

A proportional, reasonable response for the county would have been to ignore the column entirely. If council felt so aggrieved, they could have asked the paper and columnist to either substantiate the alleged allegation or print an apology. And if Barb Reid or Murray Fearrey wanted to ask Martin some questions, this is a small place — they could have just called her up.

Instead, they went into full Inquisition mode, summoning she who authored the offending verbiage to appear before the tribunal, er council, to receive a public expression of official displeasure followed by the opportunity for a ritual recantation. Like the real Inquisition, the purpose of this kabuki theatre is not to get to the truth, but to show all of us who's boss and to demonstrate to citizens and government employees that Something is Being Done.

In the event, Martin did appear in front of council and defended her words admirably. Nevertheless, she should have ignored the summons. She has done nothing wrong.

In contrast, council has truly overplayed its two-deuces of a hand. It must have been a slow week.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Facts don't match Liberal promises on health care

Dear editor,

Deb Mathews is always discussing health care initiatives and how wonderful the Liberals are attending to same. This Liberal Government and said minister continue to promote how beneficial the Liberal initiatives are working. Anyone waiting for surgery in constant pain and requiring heavy duty pain meds would argue this. Having such individuals in attendance during a legislative proceeding that are waiting for various types of surgeries would astound Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne, politicians and Mathews.

Instead of reducing available surgical rooms for doctors and seeing baby boomers dominate the aging population requiring surgery, why isn't the government doing just the opposite? Why does someone have to wait a year for hip and/or knee surgery? What about more serious surgeries? Getting older is a fact of life and does not make one any less important for imperative surgical procedures. I am not merciless and it breaks my heart to see children with such terrible diseases fighting for their precious little lives. The issue here is the lack of operating rooms made available to doctors in order to perform necessary surgeries with due diligence and within

reasonable timeframes. Instead this Liberal government is cutting operating room times and continues to squander tax payers' money at a ridiculous pace. It appears the NDP are the only ones staying the course on health care issues. Our MPP Laurie Scott needs to stand up in the legislature and be very vocal about the Liberals reducing operating room times with the support of the Conservatives and the NDP – our well-being depends on it. Now let's see what our MPP does.

Bev MacDuff
Gooderham

Jake's Big Thanks

Dear editor,

We live in the most amazing, caring and giving community! You opened your hearts to our family and we are ever so grateful for your love and support. 'Jake's Big Break' was a huge success and the response went well above and beyond all expectations.

We wish to personally thank all of the business sponsors of Minden, Haliburton and surrounding area. We would also like to express sincere thanks to the Kinsmen, Rotary and Lion's Clubs, as well as friends and family who made personal donations. The local media deserve a nod of appreciation for their great coverage and getting the word out about 'Jake's Big Break'. Aunt Jaime Abbs and Uncle Jim Vail took a tiny seed of an idea and it grew to a huge flower that encompassed an entire community and beyond.

Huge special thanks to Karen and her wonderful McKeck's staff for not only the use of their fine facility, but also their tireless efforts leading up to the big day and tending to the large crowd on the big night. Thanks as well to all the members of our wonderful families who worked hard and long on organization, donations, baking desserts, games, raffles and all of those details that needed to be attended to. A big thank you goes out to Rockin' Bob's and Jimmy 3 Stix for the great music of the evening.

We are truly blessed to live where we do. Jake's ongoing medical expenses will be easier to bear, thanks to all of you. From the bottom of our hearts, we appreciate everything.

Cory Abbs, Mitch Bateman and Jake

Fellow Limey defends Stompin' Tom Connors

Dear editor,

You have really waded into it this time. You see, it really doesn't matter whether the music of Stompin' Tom Connors is good or not. That, my friend, is not the point. Take it from a fellow Limey.

When I moved to Canada from Ol' Blighty some 50 years ago, I too struggled listening to Tom. I was much more connected to say The Beatles, Led Zeppelin or David Bowie, all great British musical acts. But in my 20s something changed. I wanted to be in a band and I liked going out for drinks. And I realized that my favourite watering holes were the good old Canadian taverns that are all sadly disappearing from the landscape. There, and because I took the time to travel across the country a few times, I realized what Tom was all about. He sang for us, the real working folks of Canada. There wasn't a tavern in this great land that wasn't regularly playing one of his tunes.

In Tillsonburg's tobacco country my back hurt too, in Leamington I really thought about how good ketchup was with potatoes, in PEI I actually observed another big load of potatoes, in Hog Town I rode the TTC Skidaddler. And, of course and most importantly, I got skinko with the boys from INCO on a Sudbury Saturday night. I visited the Maple Leaf

Tavern in Timmins and drank often at the Horseshoe Tavern in Toronto, both important Tom gig spots.

I realized that if my band played one of Tom's tunes the crowd got up dancing right away. I in fact got permission from Tom's management to use the music from C-A-N-A-D-A to write my own tune K-A-N-A-T-A to poke a little fun at one of Ottawa's grand suburbs.

But the best thing of all happened when I finally got to see Tom play around 1990. As a boy I grew up in Ottawa and used to love watching the logging boat manipulate their haul at the base of Parliament Hill on the Ottawa River, logs that had come down from the wilds of Quebec. And when Tom sang Big Joe Mufferaw I was fairly moved.

If I am honest with myself, I have to report that Stompin' Tom has had a big impact on my career as an artist. He showed me that you could make art about the smaller places of this country, about the working communities that rely on natural resources, on mining, logging and fishing, for their income. And it is there that most of my work begins.

Stompin' in homage,
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On the block

Do you ever have one of those days when you just don't know what to do? When your mind is blank, your body lethargic, your get-up-and-go gone?

I'm there now, sitting in my office, wondering what to write about. Sitting in my office not really wondering at all, just staring out of the window at the snow.

It's kind of mesmerizing. Everything is cloaked in a soft white blanket, a sound deadening shroud, a leveller of sorts that disguises colours and contours, morphing the natural and man-made (in my case, Little Z's digger collection that has been left out on the lawn) into one. The snow wipes clean the scars of last year; the compost heap, sandbox, fire pit. It's beautiful, clean, crisp and cold but it also seems to have wiped clean my mind and erased any semblance of quirky story I might have for this week's newspaper.

Bugger. I guess you could say I've got writer's block. But what exactly is writer's block because I'm actually still writing? Shouldn't it be called thinker's block? But then again, I'm still thinking, even if it is about having writer's, or thinker's, block.

Perhaps I should go for a walk around the block to clear my head. Trouble is; I don't live on a block, I live in the bush. I'd have to put my jacket on and circle the chopping block in our back yard or borrow one of Little Z's wooden blocks and pace round and around it. Not a thought-provoking prospect.

Then again, if I took enough of them I could build an

apartment block with Little Z's blocks, albeit a scale model of one (I don't get paid enough to buy him blocks in numbers big enough to build a full-size one), and I could take a stroll around that. You never know, the act of building said apartment block might actually trigger some kind of silly memory of my life past, living amongst a billion apartment blocks in Londinium. But then again, it probably wouldn't because we English folks call them 'flats', not apartments. 'Flats': what a ridiculous name for a really high stack of homes that is anything but flat. They should be called 'talls' or 'risers', or high rises... Oh yeh. Do you think that's how they came to acquire their name, not 'flats' but high rises? I do hope so.

Imagine, a couple of folks sitting there, looking at the incredibly tall stack of homes they had just built. "Hey, what shall we call it?" says one.

"How about Trevor?" says his buddy with a grin.

"Don't be ridiculous! We need a descriptive name for our stack of homes."

"Oh, ok. What about 'tall stack', or 'big rise', or 'high house'..."

"High rise! That's it, High rise! Great name, Trevor. Now, d'ya fancy a beer?"

But blocks of the writer's kind. Perhaps I actually need one, a physical incarnation of a writer's block. Some bright spark is probably selling them somewhere.

The Outsider

A quick Google search later and there are plenty of writers writing about writer's block and how to get over it, which seems a bit of a misnomer because if you had it how could you write about ways to overcome it? However, there are no 'writer's blocks' for sale.

What would one look like, do you think? A clear plastic box with nothing in it, maybe? How about an incredibly heavy lump of lead, the weight of which would drain you physically and mentally? Perhaps it would be akin to a block and tackle, a pulley system that you could gradually lift the burden of blankness from your metaphorical shoulders. Or, heavens forbid it is similar to a crunching blocking tackle. WHUMPF!!! All the wind, and words, knocked out of you in one smashing collision.

None of these blocks, physical or philosophical, seem like they'd break my writing malaise though, and so I'll just go back to staring at the snow. I blame the weather. I guess I'll just sit here and wait for the inspiration to come. I'll leave the Outsider column blank for a week in the hope that some wonderfully witty thoughts will float in with the next blizzard, shower or sunny day.

Sorry folks, I guess you don't get a column from me this week.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *How do you prepare your car for spring?*



Brad Park

Haliburton

Take the winter tires off, clean it inside and out to get rid of the salt. Then I take it to my dealer for the regular service.

Dave Allen

Haliburton

I am looking forward to putting my summer tires on and keeping it clean for a change. Someone should open a car wash in town. Here's to the summer!



Jose Gonzales

Haliburton

I have the oil and tires changed and have it checked over to make sure everything is safe and ready for the good weather.



Lynda Shadbolt

Haliburton

I take it to Curry Motors. I shovel all the winter sporting good stuff out and make room for the spring and summer equipment.



Gerry Kowalski

Silver Beach

My normal maintenance takes care of it. I feel it is ready for spring as I look after it and have it serviced regularly all year long.



Have a question we should ask? Send it to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin.

THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: O'REILLY

Laurie O'Reilly is proof that it's never too late to be inspired.

Despite holding a minor in fine art, O'Reilly chose her family life over that of an artist. But she never forgot her passion.

"When you're raising your kids and doing all those other things, it kind of slips by the wayside," she said. "As the kids got older, it became more reasonable to tackle it again."

Then a resident of Owen Sound, she began attending summer courses at the Haliburton School of the Arts 10 years ago.

"I started getting back to my art."

She began with oil paintings then moved into acrylics.

Originally focused on landscapes, O'Reilly credits one of her instructors, Joanna Nash, with moving into more figurative work.

"She was so open," O'Reilly said. "I was blocked and she was open. It was probably instrumental in switching from landscapes to figurative work."

Five years ago, with her husband set to retire, the couple moved to the Highlands and began construction of their new home. With her studio mere feet from a river and wildlife all over the property, O'Reilly found a place where inspiration was just a look outside her window.

"It's been a great move coming up to Haliburton," she said. "As far as art goes, it's an incredible community."

In her first year, she joined the Art Hive. O'Reilly said it gave her a sense of community and inspiration.

The following year she joined the Tour de Forest, and had a show at the Rails End Gallery the year after that.

In October 2013, O'Reilly will open an exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. She received a grant to work with computer images and painting encaustic on top of it.

"That's what I've been doing for the last

two-and-a-half years."

Painting encaustic is the process of painting with wax. O'Reilly takes beeswax and damar resin, warms it and adds colour pigment.

She takes her original paintings or photos and loads them onto a computer, where she puts them together into a digital collage. From there, the collage is printed onto canvas and glued to a warm board where O'Reilly paints over the collage in wax.

"I wanted to story-tell," she said. "Putting the images together tells a different story, then putting the third image on top of it tells another story."

One of the marks of O'Reilly's work is placing a physical item into the piece, such as a pendant around a woman's neck or a ring on her finger.

"That's what's left when archeologists dig sites, are the artifacts of the day," she said. "If an archeologist digs up a site and they find garbage or they find metal or they find something, they try to make a story about what was happening in that time period."

"They're not going to find the person but they will find these little [items]."

At a glance it's very hard to see all the details in each of the pieces.

"There's a lot in them. Depending on your perspective, your point of view and where you're coming from, there's enough stuff in there to keep your head busy for a while."

While she may have a story in mind when creating her art, O'Reilly said she wants it to be open to personal interpretation.

"It depends what your life story is, how you perceive it."

It might take O'Reilly anywhere from a week or two to complete the encaustic part of her art, but she spends even more time on the computer creating the digital print.

"Some of them take a very long time conceptually," O'Reilly said. "The computer work can be excruciatingly slow,



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Laurie O'Reilly in her studio.

specially when you're trying to clean up."

The images are all cut and pasted into the computer, so she spends time cleaning up edges and adjusting lighting.

"That can be very time consuming."

O'Reilly got the idea to do encaustic from a former instructor.

"Tony Scherman really brought encaustic painting back into this era," she said. "I liked his work. That was a long time coming around to me, but it was

fascinating."

While painting encaustic is not unique in itself, O'Reilly's work is original in that not many people, if any, paint with wax over the collaged images.

O'Reilly's encaustic paintings are safely stored in her studio until her exhibit in October. She has one more piece to complete in her studio until she can relax, take a break, and see what inspiration strikes her next.

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Fire Calendar Winners

Week of March 18
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Public Skating

At the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena
Wednesdays and Sundays
12:00pm-2:00pm
unless otherwise posted

March Schedule and Sponsors
Wednesday March 27

This will be the last Public Skating date for the season.
Public Skating will restart in the fall of 2013.

Sunday March 31
No Public Skate-Coby Islander Hockey Tournament

Meetings and Events

March 28
9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council
Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

March 29
Administration Office **CLOSED** for Good Friday

April 1
Administration Office **CLOSED** for Easter Monday

April 11
9:00 am, Committee of the Whole meeting.
Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

April 25
9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council,
Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

April 29
9:30 am, Committee of Adjustment Public Hearing,
Minden Council Chambers

Committee Opportunity

Committee of Adjustment

Please contact the Planning Department at
705-286-1260 ext. 206 for full details

Committee Opportunity

Minden Hills Museum Advisory Committee

Please visit www.mindenculturalcentre.com
for full details.

Municipal Dog Tags

Dog tags are available for sale in the
Minden Hills By-Law Department
Prior to March 31st, 2013 Dog Tags = \$10.00 each
After March 31st, 2013 Dog Tags = \$15.00 each
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www.mindenculturalcentre.com

Agnes Jamieson Gallery Soft Doll Making Workshop

Saturday, April 13, 2013
11am to 3pm in the Common Room
Instructed by Pat Campbell
Kit available.
\$30 per person
Call the Agnes Jamieson Gallery
705-286-3763 to sign up.

Museum
The Eaton's Catalogue:
The Rural Department Store
January 12 – April 6, 2013

R.D. Lawrence Place
The Coyote Exhibit
January 14 – April 6, 2013

This exhibition looks at some of the key issues of living
with coyotes and how many
of these conflicts can possibly be avoided. Focus on coyote
identification, skull formations and recent research that
suggests hunting and trapping of coyotes is not the solution
to this growing problem.

Visit www.mindenculturalcentre.ca to check out
the following exhibits and other workshops:

Who We Seem To Be by Tanya Lyons
February 26 – March 30, 2013

Between the Lines by Janette Charron
February 26 – March 30, 2013

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By Robert Achtemichuk
April 2 – May 11, 2013

Rental Opportunity

Rental Opportunity – 2 Prince Street

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Visit www.mindenhills.ca for full details.
Rental to commence on May 1st, 2013.
Please submit a completed application (available at the
Township office) "2 Prince Street Rental Application" by
Friday, April 5, 2013 by 12:00 noon to:
Clerk's Office, 2nd floor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359
Minden, ON
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Attention: Ivan Ingram, Environmental
& Property Operations Manager
Please contact the E.P.O.M at 705-286-1260 ext. 216
for further details.

2013 Interim Tax Bills

Please be advised that the 2013 Interim
tax bills were mailed on February 28, 2013.
The second due date is May 17. If you did not
receive your bill(s) please contact our office.
Property owners are responsible to provide to
the Municipal Office written notification
of any address change.
Failure to receive your tax bill does not
exempt penalty charges from being
applied to a tax account.

Fire Restriction Notice

April 1 to October 31 is "Fire Season." During
Fire Season specific guidelines and regulations
need to be followed. For full details please
contact the Municipal Office at
705-286-1260 ext. 212.

Spring Load Restrictions

Please note that the 2013 Spring Load
Restrictions are in effect as of March 1, 2013
until further notice.



Council and staff wish everyone a safe
and happy Easter Holiday Weekend

The Administration Office will be
CLOSED on
Friday March 29 and Monday April 1

Medical Clinic Information

During the period that Dr. Wu is absent
from the Minden Hills Medical Clinic, the
Haliburton Family Health Team will be
providing primary coverage
(starting April 3, 2013).

Please contact the clinic at
705-286-2500 for
additional information.

Highlander news

Dysart councillors won't get a raise in 2013

Budget holds line on salaries and taxes, but water and sewer go up by 7%

By Will Jones

Dysart Council passed a 2013 budget that sees property taxes rise by around 1.8 per cent and councillors' salaries go up by just 0.8 per cent at its March 25 meeting.

The 2013 Dysart et al budget reacts to a reduction in both federal and provincial funding, plus a loss of around \$150,000 in income due to the closure and renovation of the community arena. However, in finalizing and passing the budget, the council has been able to minimize increases in property tax to all sectors – residential, commercial and industrial – ensuring that no one gets a rude awakening when they open their mail.

Residential property tax will increase by 1.8 per cent compared to 2012, meaning that the residential tax rate is \$199.64 per \$100,000 of assessed value in 2013; a net

increase of \$10.32. Similarly, commercial property taxes will rise by 1.81 per cent and industrial by 1.63 per cent.

Residents who are on the township sewer system will see a rise in their Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) rate – from \$510 in 2012 to \$546 in 2013 (a jump of seven per cent) – and sewer service rates will also increase by seven per cent, from \$25.68 to \$27.48 per 1,000 gallons. Council explained that these increases were required in order to raise the \$44,000 needed to support maintenance and capital initiatives over the coming year.

Councillors have also been debating their own pay over recent months and the outcome of these discussions is that Dysart council has opted to link the salaries of its councillors to the All-Items Consumer Price Index for Ontario. This decision effectively takes the question of how much

councillors should award themselves out of their hands, much to the relief of a number of Dysart's elected officials. In passing a resolution to do this, councillors gave themselves a cost of living increase of 0.81 per cent for 2013.

Councillor Susan Norcross made plain her dissatisfaction with the decision by voting against it. She has been outspoken in her insistence that Dysart councillors should be paid higher salaries, often quoting the pay scales of neighbouring municipalities and the disparities that she sees between her pay and that of her contemporaries in Minden and Algonquin Highlands.

The raise means that salaries for the coming year are as follows: Reeve \$24,595.20; deputy reeve, \$16,228.80; and councilors, \$13,910.40.

Dysart in brief

HHOA taxes waived

Dysart council has passed a resolution to grant a request for relief for 2012 and 2013 property taxes made by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA). The municipality has done so in previous years and the county also waives taxes for the HHOA.

Dysart's new website

Dysart et al has a new website. Built in-house by the council, the website features all of the services offered by the council, plus lots of information about community groups, links to partner sites and a calendar of events. The site will be up and running by April 1. Check it out at <http://www.dysartet al.ca/>.



Canadian Tire donates \$500 to food bank

The Minden Food Bank received a boost to their coffers on March 26 thanks to a \$517 donation from Minden's Canadian Tire and Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. Steve McLean, owner of the Minden store, said the money was collected over Christmas and came from the sales of gift card holders and Canadian Tire money donations. "Thanks to all of our customers for the generosity of the Holidays season," McLean said.

Pictured above: Steve McLean and Leigh-Ann McLean present Barbara Walford-Davis with a \$517 for the Minden Food Bank.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

COMPLETE APPLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law. The purpose of the Amendment is to rezone lands located in Part of Lot 2, Concession 2 (Anson) to a rural exception zone for the purpose of allowing the construction of a detached dwelling and garage on lands accessed by a private road.

AND PURSUANT to the provisions of the Planning Act, the application file including a survey sketch and a draft Zoning By-law Amendment is available for review at the Township Office. Please contact Mr. Adam King in the Township's Planning Department if you would like to review this file.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Monday, April 25, 2013
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to establish a site-specific zone exception for lands located in Part of Lot 2, Concession 2 (Anson) for the purpose of allowing the owner to construct a detached dwelling and garage. The Township's Zoning By-law requires that all new construction occur on lands that have access to a publicly maintained road. The only exception to this requirement is for lands located in a shoreline residential zone. The subject lands are primarily zoned Rural (RU) and have access via Fleming Road, an established private road that is not maintained by the Township.

The proposed amendment will also establish site-specific setback requirements. If the approval is granted, the owner will also be required to enter into a site plan or development agreement with the Township.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND KEY MAP

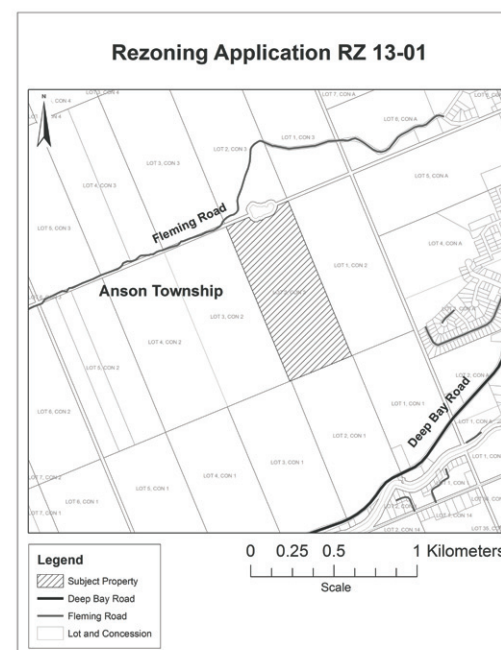
A key map showing the land to which the proposed amendment applies is provided below.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed amendment.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with forwarding addresses) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by calling Mr. Adam King at 705-286-1260.



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Wing recipe not included

By Matthew Desrosiers

That Place in Carnarvon is up for sale. Sue Yallop has been the restaurant's owner for the last 10 years. "We're just feeling it out," she said. "If you don't list it you never sell it." According to Yallop, nothing adverse has happened to cause the sale. "We figured it was just the right time. It's been 10 years, and my husband said he would do it for 10 years for me." The intention is to sell the business as an operating restaurant, however Yallop is not selling her famous wing recipe. It, along with a few others, will be kept in the family.



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Highlander technology

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If you own a laptop or a desktop system with an LCD screen you know how hard it is to keep it clean. Let's face it, after a while it looks like the sneeze guard at the salad bar.

So how should you clean it without ruining it?

You'll need a cloth that's 100 per cent cotton, that is soft and absorbent, either an old T-shirt, sock, or Turkish towel. Make sure you're not using a cotton/polyester blend that contains stiff filaments which can scratch an LCD's surface.

Paper towel or facial tissue should never be used because they contain wood fibers, also hazardous to LCDs.

Also remember to never use a dry cloth on your LCD monitor. Dust particles moved around with even the softest cloth could create scratches.

A 1:1 solution of distilled water and isopropyl alcohol 91 per cent can be used to clean a laptop screen that is not heavily dusty or soiled with greasy fingerprints. Vinegar and distilled water in a 1:1 solution can also be used for light cleaning, but then your screen smells like a french fry.

Certain household liquids should never be used on LCDs. These include ammonia and tap or mineral water, which leave permanent white spots and streaks. Household window cleaners should be avoided because they might contain ammonia, or other harmful chemicals which also can cause irreparable damage.

Another caution is to never spray a solution directly onto an LCD. Always spray the liquid on a cloth, only enough to moisten it slightly, and then apply to the screen in gentle, counter-

clockwise motions.

Micro-fibre cloths and anti-static solutions are packaged together and sold at office supply or electronics stores. The special solution leaves a slight film that protects a clean laptop screen, repels dust and smudges, and keeps it clean longer. The liquid should be sprayed onto the cloth, which only needs to be slightly wet, not dripping, when applied to the screen. There's a slight disadvantage to these kits. Certain solutions cause streaking, so it's best to do a little research before investing in this method.

Micro-fibre cloths can be purchased separately and used with isopropyl alcohol 91 per cent, and/or distilled water. Whether using the complete kit or the cloths alone, make sure the packaging designates the product is safe for laptops and LCD screens.

Many computer manufacturers, when asked how to clean a laptop screen, recommend anti-static cloths made specifically for cleaning without liquid of any kind. Even greasy fingerprints can be buffed off using these cloths, readily available at electronics or office supply stores.

The above options offer a variety of easy and safe ways to care for your LCD monitor. With simple maintenance on a regular basis, an LCD screen will last for many years.

For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca
Happy and safe computing!



By David Spaxman



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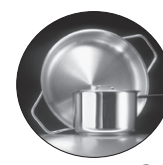
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Highlander arts

Fleming student copes with rare eye condition

By Mark Arike

A day out in the sun sounds very inviting to most of us.

But for people like Meghan Sims, it's the most painful thing she could do.

"The light physically hurts," said Sims, who's currently in the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma program (VCAD) at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

Sims was born with a condition so rare that it wasn't diagnosed until she was three years old.

"They didn't know what the problem was," she said. "My parents would bring me outside or near light and I would scream bloody murder."

She was taken to ophthalmologists across Ontario, until finally an undergraduate student at the University of Waterloo determined that she had Achromatopsia – a congenital hereditary condition that only affects one in 33-50,000 births.

There are two basic forms of Achromatopsia: rod monochromatism and blue cone monochromatism. According to The Low Vision Centers of Indiana, patients with both forms of the condition experience day blindness, profound colourblindness, reduced visual acuity and nystagmus (rhythmic shaking or moving of the eyes).

Sims remembers being bullied in school because of her



Photo by Mark Arike
Meghan Sims.

condition. She also says she received little support from the education system.

"I had to wear red glasses until I got my contacts in Grade 4," she said, explaining that the red tint blocks out all three light spectrums. "It just cuts down on the light for me."

Without her protective eyewear, Sims would face debilitating pain. Low light settings are where she sees best and is most comfortable.

The 32-year-old who was born and raised in Kitchener spent a lot of time on her own. By doing so she discovered her passion for art.

"I was always at a piece of paper, colouring something, painting or constructing things out of cardboard and whatever I could find," she said.

Sims's problems with her eyesight have had a significant impact on the creative process.

Many of her paintings take on a darker tone and are meant to reflect the vision of an Achromat.

"Because of my visual condition, I often seek comfort in night landscapes and low-lighting settings when working, but my eyesight is best represented when I push myself to work in daylight. Where others see life in detail and colours, I am limited to light, shades and shapes," said Sims in her artist statement.

Before seriously pursuing art, Sims started a career as a personal trainer. After 10 years, she had to give up the profession because of Achromatopsia.

"I was under fluorescent lights all the time. It got to the point where I couldn't properly spot my clients."

Then in 2006, Sims was at the right place at the right time when a local gallery curator saw some of her work on display.

"A girlfriend of mine who is a jewellery designer had a show in Kitchener," she recalled. "She had to go somewhere and asked me to run the booth, and display some of my work as ambience."

That encounter led to her first show, which resulted in many others.

In 2007 she was featured as a legally blind artist in an award-winning, three-part documentary about colour titled "The World of Colours".

Due to her condition, Sims employs a few unorthodox techniques to create her paintings, many of which are acrylic.

"Because I can't see very far I usually break off all the ends of my paintbrushes so I can get really close. I tend to paint in very, very low light – sometimes candlelight. If I'm painting during the day I'll put a blanket up over the windows and maybe put one lamp on in the faraway corner."

After taking private glassblowing lessons from an instructor in St. Jacobs, Sims decided that it was time to pursue a postsecondary education in the arts.

"I just absolutely loved working with glass," she said. "I was doing research and I came across Haliburton and they happened to have an articulation agreement with Emily Carr [University of Art & Design], which is basically the only school I've ever wanted to go to."

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult
2. *Beach Strip* by John Lawrence Reynolds 🇨🇦
3. *The Painted Girls* by Cathy Marie Buchanan 🇨🇦
4. *Notorious Nineteen* by Janet Evanovich
5. *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese 🇨🇦

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill 🇨🇦
2. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
3. *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes* by Kamal Al-Solayle 🇨🇦
4. *The Truth About Style* by Stacy London
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦

Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese has been a sought after read at the library since it was first published around this time last year. Amplifying its popularity, however, was its recent nomination for the Ontario Library Association's 2013 Evergreen Award as well as its inclusion on the 2013 edition of Canada Reads.

Indian Horse is the story of Saul Indian Horse, a Ojibway man struggling to overcome substance abuse as he looks back upon the ups and downs of his life and former hockey glory. If you have been captivated by this novel and are looking to read something with a similar feel, the following are a few suggestions. If you are partial to non-fiction, try *Raisin Wine: A Boyhood In A Different Muskoka* by James Bartleman or *One Native Life*, Richard Wagamese's personal memoir.

Library News

The Haliburton County Public Library has a new website! Visit www.haliburtonlibrary.ca to enjoy our new look, added resources and improved catalogue. Thank you to our patrons for bearing with us during our transition period.

What's Up Recession and education led to current Arts crisis



By George Farrell

Private art galleries in the Haliburton Highlands are in crisis. Recently the Whispers North Gallery in Minden closed its doors and the Crowne gallery also left the village a couple of years ago. Only the municipally-funded Agnes Jamieson Gallery remains. In Haliburton the Ethel Curry Gallery is also feeling the pinch.

"This is the fourth of four very bad years for our gallery," Ethel Curry owner Wayne Hooks said recently. "In my opinion it's directly due to the recession which started in 2008."

A recession impacts on all sectors of the arts, and in the Highlands many artists have seen a downturn in their sales. The rule of thumb is that in a recession luxury items are the first to suffer.

But the recession may not be the only culprit in the crisis. Consider education. In many parts of the world, Europe especially, art is so integrated into society that it's looked upon as a necessity not a luxury, because it's an economic stimulator.

If we agree that art as an economic stimulator is a good thing then we need to start at the grass roots level in order to get that particular ball rolling here. Kids need to learn the value of art at an early age and right now our education system is not doing enough to fully integrate the arts into our school curriculums. In fact, we've been going backwards.

Since the implementation of school reforms in the late 1990s, elementary and secondary school systems in Ontario have seen a serious reduction in the number of both music and art teachers.

Rural areas have been the hardest hit in this regard. As things now stand in the Highlands, in our elementary schools there are no specifically designed art classes integrated into the regular curriculum which are taught by teachers with a background in the arts.

Because of that fact our elementary school children are not getting enough exposure and understanding of art at the age where it will stick with them for a lifetime. Without that understanding they are not learning the lessons that an appreciation of the arts can teach.

"OK," you might be thinking, "but won't our kids still grow up to become contractors, doctors, lawyers, merchants or hockey players without qualified arts teachers in our elementary schools?"

"What's the great loss if they don't get well-educated in the arts when they're kids? It's not as if our young people are getting zero arts education."

It's true that some teachers without a specific arts background are trying their best to see that our students get at least some grounding in the arts, and the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands has obtained funding to continue the 'Artists in the Schools' project. The project enables kids in Grades 4 and 7 in all our elementary schools to get some lessons in different art disciplines. It's a good program because the kids are being taught by professional artists and the artists are getting a much-needed payday.

But these are stop-gap measures at best. So let's look at this a different way. Do you appreciate your pickup truck, your dishwasher, your flat screen TV? An artist designed each of those items. Nearly all man-made items have to go through some process related to the arts before being manufactured. Art is all around us. It's undeniable, so doesn't it make sense that our provincial government should fully commit to teaching art to our students?

Educators and philosophers over the years have documented the influence of the arts on students' ability to learn, on their ability to articulate how and what they feel, and on their capacity to solve intricate problems. It's through the arts that we learn to identify and sustain our culture and our sense of who we are as individuals.

If art is fully re-integrated into our elementary school curriculums and sustained over a period of time, the arts sector, including artists and private gallery owners, might more easily be able to withstand a recession because art will have become an economic stimulator and an essential part of our culture.

Spring Car Care



Put a rim on it

By **Matthew Desrosiers**

As a responsible car owner, you went out and bought winter tires to maximize your car's traction in the snow and ice at the beginning of cold season.

Now that the snow is melting, you're wondering why you should bother going back to your tire dealer to get a set of all-season or summer tires. Your winters are still practically brand new and have lots of tread, so why waste the money?

First and foremost, tires are never a waste of money as long as you buy the right ones for the job.

That means winters in the winter, summers in the summer, or all-seasons for spring through to fall.

Winter tires are designed specifically to handle cold temperatures.

They're made with a soft rubber compound so the tread has some give to it, unlike the rigid tread blocks found on all-seasons. The tread blocks themselves are made to flex and move so the tire can dig into the snow and get traction in those conditions. The tires also have little grooves in the tread, called sipes, which allow for grip on ice.

These design elements, while great for traction in the winter, will completely backfire in the summer.

The tread of a tire must be in contact with the road to provide grip.

In a situation where the driver must make an emergency stop or quick correction, the tread blocks on tires are put under a lot of stress. That's why, as mentioned earlier, the tread blocks are rigid on all-season or summer tires. This allows them to remain in contact with the road despite the pressure on them from the driver's manoeuvre.

A winter tire does not have the same rigidity. When the driver makes a hard stop or correction, the flexing tread blocks lose contact with the road causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle. You will also notice a significant increase in stopping distance while running winter tires in warm temperatures for the same reason.

Beyond safety, winter tires should be changed over to the appropriate seasonal tire to protect your investment.

Winter tires operate best in below-zero temperatures. When temperatures start averaging more than that, it's time to change over or you will significantly reduce the life of your tire.

Heat can break down the bonding compounds within the structure of the tire.



Photo by Walt Griffin

Mark Barry, a Class 'A' mechanic and tire technician at Curry Motors, changes a light truck tire.

When the tread blocks and sipes come into contact with the road, they flex and move. This creates heat, which gives more flex to the already-soft rubber compound of the tire. This cycle continues and, combined with the already warm temperatures, begins destroying the tire.

You don't want to be driving down the road at 80 kilometres-per-hour when the tire finally blows.

If you live in a climate with cold temperatures all year, driving on your winter tires year-round is not a problem. Here in the Highlands, however, you need to change over to summer tires or all-seasons if you want to be safe on the road. And it's a good way to ensure you won't have to buy another set of snow tires next winter, too.

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Spring cleaning for your vehicle

By Matthew Desrosiers

The snow is melting and the roads are almost dry.

Your car lasted the harsh winter, so there's nothing to worry about anymore, right?

Wrong.

Harsh winter conditions can have a lasting effect on your vehicle. With the proper maintenance, however, those effects can be minimized.

Start by doing a complete check of your vehicle for the basics: lights, signals, belts, fluids, and tires. Be sure that everything is in good working order. You're looking for cracked belts or lights that have burnt out. You want to check your fluids to make sure the summer temperatures are going to be within recommended specifications. And don't forget to change out your winter tires for all-seasons or summers.

Once you're sure the car is road-worthy, it's time to take some preventative measures.

Your vehicle has accumulated salt and sand from the roads over the course of the winter. This can cause corrosion and rust, so it's important to clean off your vehicle from top to bottom. You should also clean the undercarriage as rust there, although out of sight, is still bad for the vehicle. Don't forget to clean under the hood as well.

It's always a good idea to take your car into your mechanic for a tune-up. Ask them to look at your wheel alignment.

The cold weather does a number on roads. As water freezes in the small cracks of a road, even newly-paved ones, it expands and makes the cracks larger. As cars drive over

those cracks, they will peel off the top layer of asphalt, forming potholes. Undoubtedly you've hit a few this season, and they can easily knock a car out of alignment.

A poorly-aligned vehicle can cause a number of issues.

Your tires won't wear evenly, which means you'll be replacing one or two of the set much sooner than the rest. If you find out later in the summer that one of your tires is worn down while the rest look fine, then you should have had an alignment done.

Tires aren't the only problem. Poor alignment leads to steering issues. When your steering wheel is in its neutral position, the vehicle should drive straight. If the vehicle pulls, or if you have to turn the wheel to keep it going straight, then you may be in need of an alignment.

Last but not least are your windows.

Small cracks from a rock can become a big issue with the fluctuation of temperature. If you have a small crack or notch in the window and don't do anything about it, you might walk out to a huge crack across the entire windshield one morning.

It is unsafe to drive a vehicle with a cracked windshield. Window specialists can often fix a cracked window in no time. Taking this preventative step will save you having to replace the entire windshield a month down the road at a much higher cost.

These are just a few of the things to look for this spring as you get your car ready for the road. Harsh driving conditions can cause any number of problems, so it's always a good idea if you have doubts to bring the vehicle in for a tune-up and ask your mechanic.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

With spring around the corner Kait Perecko is checking her fluids.

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Think before you scrap

By Mark Arike

Have an unwanted vehicle lying around on your property? Looking to get rid of that rust bucket?

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"It bothers me when I see cars put in the bush to just rot away," said David Micallef, owner of the local towing and recycling business. "Their owners are just not aware of the damage that the car is doing to our ecosystem."

Micallef said he's removed some vehicles that have been abandoned for 40 years.

"The problem is quite large in all rural counties, not just Haliburton," he said.

In his opinion, many people decide to hold on to their vehicle longer than they should because they become attached to it.

"I've had lots of people tear up when I take them away. Others see value in them and start to dismantle them for sale, which is a problem when not done in a responsible way. Others think it is costly to have them removed."

Through his business, Micallef picks up and transports vehicles to a shredder plant where the hazardous fluids are removed and recycled. The vehicle then gets shredded or chipped into gravel size pellets before being melted down.

"The complete car is gone within days of me dropping it off and on its way to becoming a new product. The old way where the car went to a 'scrap yard' and sat there while being dismantled is quickly becoming a thing of the past."

Last year, Micallef removed over 200 vehicles from the

county.

The weight of the vehicle and current market prices dictate what Micallef pays.

"We've paid \$3,000 for large heavy trucks down to \$10 for lawn tractors."

In the Municipality of Dysart et al, the property standards bylaw addresses unlicensed, derelict vehicles left on private property, including vacant land.

"It comes from the Ontario Building Code," said municipal law enforcement officer Ron Henselwood. "It prevents people from collecting scrap and untidy property."

When the building department receives a complaint about unkempt property, they head out to investigate, said Henselwood.

"We can issue an order that states certain things must be brought up to a certain standard. If they don't do it, we can get a contractor to go in and do the clean-up, and the bill goes against their taxes."

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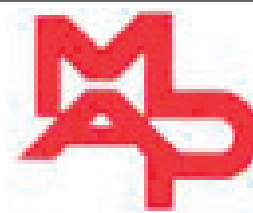
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Highlander arts



Photos submitted by Gerda Neubacher

Above: Gerda Neubacher being interviewed at the opening of her Toronto show. Right: Neubacher's portrait of Canada's first female prime minister, Kim Campbell.

Artist draws on inspirational women

By Will Jones

Art and artists are often held up as inspiration to others, and rightly so as a great painting or sculpture has the capacity to profoundly move the viewer. But artists also need to find their inspiration in the first place and no recent collection of artworks better illustrates that than *Portraits of Canadian Women Who Inspire*, the decade-long project recently completed by local painter, Gerda Neubacher.

An event to celebrate the publication of the book about the project and an exhibition showcasing the portraits opened to great acclaim in Toronto on March 5, at the Neubacher Shor Gallery. Since then, Neubacher has been swept off her feet by the interest in her wonderfully evocative portraits and she'll be travelling as far as Halifax and Vancouver in the coming months to speak about her art and the inspirational women behind it. But worry not, Haliburton isn't forgotten. At 6.30 p.m. on April 19 Neubacher will host an event at the Heritage House Café if you'd like to see her work and hear her talk about *Portraits of Canadian Women Who Inspire*.

The project began in 2003 but at the time Neubacher didn't know it.

"It began very innocently with one of those 'what if?' moments," she explains. "A woman at a party told me that she'd had her portrait painted several times but didn't really see herself in any of them. I asked her how she'd paint herself. She looked at me and said she thought it was up to the artist. She didn't think she had the right to participate in the process.

"I thought well, what if I do it the opposite way? What if I empower my subjects: ask them how they'd paint themselves; let their ideas lead the way. That's how it all began."

Since then, Neubacher has sat with over 140 women, videotaping as she interviews them and discusses how they would like to be painted. She's been privy to some of their innermost thoughts, funniest stories and most emotional moments.

"The interviews could be great fun or extremely intimate, I never knew what these women were going to reveal," she says. "Each woman was unique and very different than her public image. When I interviewed our former Prime Minister, Kim Campbell, I didn't expect her to be that open or to have such an unbelievable sense of humour. Kim is funny, funny, funny but she kept her dignity and made sure I would not make her smile in the portrait. That was one of her wishes, not to be smiling."

In addition to Kim Campbell, Neubacher has met many powerful and famous women in her quest to complete the project. From Melinda Rogers, executive at Rogers Communications, to Kim Baird, former chief of the Tsawwassen First Nation; prima ballerina Veronica Tennant to TV 'Dragon' Arlene Dickinson; Farah Nasser, journalist and TV anchor, to Dawn Bellini, director at Hugo Boss, all have taken the time to sit and discuss their lives, their emotions, and how they wanted to be painted by Neubacher.

However, this book, this project, is not about documenting famous people. Neubacher tells how each woman has

attracted her for a compelling reason.

"It was a fascination with her persona and accomplishments, a bond of friendship and affection, or some mysterious alchemy that I can not explain."

As such, there are individuals from all walks of life. Monica Wilson, the sister of a longtime friend and pioneer for women's rodeo is painted. So too is Hazel McCallion, mayor of Mississauga. Local woman Marion Sedgwick is in the book "because of her indomitable spirit, her life story and her unique presence in my life," says Neubacher.

As she reflects on this decade-long, all-encompassing project, Neubacher admits she sometimes feels at a loss as to what to do now. But then, she begins to think about the many Canadian women she has yet to paint, the ones that inspire her and countless others.

As for the paintings, do they capture the true essence of each individual they depict? Canadian socialite and fundraising giant, Catherine Nugent, was the woman at the party who Neubacher chatted with, about her dissatisfaction with previous portraits and inadvertently started this 10-year artistic quest.

"The painting you and I did together is my favourite," she tells Neubacher. "Your portrayal of me is as I see myself. You perfectly captured my eyes, my shyness and my protectiveness. When I first saw the portrait it took my breath away. I knew I was looking into my soul."

The book, *Portraits of Canadian Women Who Inspire*, is available through Pioneer House Gallery. Go to www.inspiringwomen.ca

Highlander life

Finding out why young people leave the county

By Mark Arike

Their stories are filled with heartbreak, hope, frustration and many unanswered questions.

They are 16-30 year-olds who were raised in the rural communities of Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes and the County of Peterborough.

Local researcher Fay Martin revealed some of their stories at a March 21 meeting hosted by the Canadian Federation of University Women – Haliburton Highlands club (CFUW-HH) at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

"These were fascinating, fascinating interviews," said Martin, who is currently in the midst of completing "To Go Or To Stay", a one-year study on why youth leave rural communities for urban centres, and what can be done to assist them through that transition period.

The study, which is being conducted in partnership with the Peterborough Youth Emergency Shelter, was funded by a \$75,000 federal government grant and is part of a homelessness prevention strategy.

"When I saw it [the call for research proposals] I thought this has my name written all over," she said.

Martin enjoyed a 40-year career working with at-risk children and families across Canada. She was also the founder of Haliburton County's Point In Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents.

In the past year Martin has interviewed 48 participants using a technique she developed called direct scribing.

"They talk and you type – and when you ask them questions you also type. They get a copy of it when it's finished because that means the data doesn't belong to the researcher; it belongs to us. It's also co-produced. We both have our input in it."

What came out of those interviews filled 662 pages.

"In January, a portion of the advisory committee got together for two whole days and we went through the narrative material."

After going through the findings a preliminary report was presented to six focus groups comprised of young people and the social workers who work with them, explained Martin.

"The goal was to see whether the reality we were describing resonated with their sense of reality, and whether the recommendations we were making made sense to them."

Despite going through the preliminary report, there were still some unanswered questions. Five of the six focus groups have worked towards answering those questions.

"I'm still very much in the middle of doing the research," said Martin. "Having said that, the issues are already palpably evident."

Those interviewed were asked questions about their



Photo by Mark Arike

Local researcher Fay Martin addresses members of the CFUW at the Haliburton School of the Arts on March 21.

upbringing, their community and their future plans, amongst others.

One of the concluding questions she asked was: "In order to give shape to this story you've told, what would you say is the most important event – the pivotal event – that influenced how this story unfolds for you?"

Sometimes the responses were discouraging, however there weren't as many negative statements as Martin had expected.

Participants were divided into two groups: migrants and non-migrants. In Kawartha Lakes, Martin was unable to find any non-migrants.

"That is because I didn't have any social networks there," she said. "I was using agency networks. I went to all the agencies that deal with this population and told them what I was doing."

The agencies she approached gave her a variety of reasons why they couldn't refer a young person to her, but in the end Martin came to the conclusion that this population is underserved.

Martin ended up recruiting most of her participants through social networks.

"I got some really lovely young people who were not at-risk, in the sense that they were using – or even were eligible to use – many of the services that were set up."

One of the reasons Martin says she wanted to do the study is because it could potentially improve the success rate for international migrants.

"It seems to be something we should invest in," she said. "If we don't do it right, it will cost us."

Martin read three narratives from her study. These included the stories of local residents Anabelle, a challenged 18-year-old from a challenged family; Rose, a female raised in an entrepreneurial family who went on to college; and Sam, a 22-year-old "golden boy" from a professional family who went astray. (None of the participant's real names were used.)

"You see the issues, right?" asked Martin after telling their stories. "They're all over the place."

Appropriate housing, adequate jobs and social life are all areas that need be addressed in order to attract young people to rural communities, said Martin.

Martin will submit a final report to the federal government by the end of June. After she plans on undertaking an "assertive dissemination strategy" in the communities, which would include all the bodies with an interest in the well-being of youth. She has also received permission to use the data in other ways, such as in training manuals.

In an e-mail, Martin said the methodology is very inclusive of the community because of the direct involvement with agencies.

"Therefore it impacts on people's understanding of the situation, and in some cases on practice and event short-term policy interpretation while in process," she said.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Carmen Webster (left) and Lillian Haight prepare to cut the 98-year-old's cake.

Still great at ninety-eight

By Matthew Desrosiers

Echo Hills was quietly busy this week preparing a surprise party for a special resident.

Lillian Haight turned 98 on March 26. Her friends at Echo Hills caught her completely off-guard.

"My gosh, it's just wonderful," she said. "I never dreamt of it at all."

Haight was coming down to the lounge for her regular afternoon tea when her friends sprung the surprise.

"I'm in shock. I've got a wonderful bunch of friends here."

The now 98-year-old is still an active member of the community. Haight volunteers once a month at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' gift shop in

Haliburton. She is a former volunteer of the year recipient at the hospital as well.

Haight was born in England in 1915. In 1954, she and her husband bought a property on Haliburton Lake. They retired to the area in 1975.

"We loved Haliburton," she said. "It's a wonderful place. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

She has lived at Echo Hills for the last 13 years, she said.

Carmen Webster, a friend and one of the organizers of the party, said she doesn't know of anyone more deserving of a special celebration.

"Lil is a wonderful neighbour," she said. "She is willing to help whenever asked and always willing to lend a hand no matter what."

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Highlander sports



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Top: A J.D. Hodgson student skates to centre ice after scoring a goal against the OPP. Left: Grade 7 student Kailynn Sikma (left) and Grade 5 student Braeden Sharp (right) compete in a Don Cherry look-a-like contest at centre ice. Right: J.D. Hodgson students look on as their friends compete against the OPP hockey team.

JDH shows OPP how the game is played

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) put up a valiant effort, but it wasn't enough to stop the J.D. Hodgson Elementary School (JDH) Grade 8 hockey team from taking home the victory.

In a tight affair at the A.J. LaRue Arena on March 25, JDH never let up and kept pushing the OPP team to their limits. In the final minutes of the game, the youngsters held on tenaciously, thanks to some great stops from their goalie, to win the game 8-7.

Shane O'Reilly was on the ice for JDH.

"[It was] awesome," he said. "I had lots of fun. My brother did this two years ago so my expectations were good."

Teammate Jake Bull said he had a lot of fun, but wasn't sure how the game was going to turn out.

"I didn't think we could win," he said. "It feels good to beat them."

Don't be fooled by the age of these players, the boys and girls played a hard game.

"They didn't take it easy on us," said Abe Churko, who missed on a penalty shot during the game. "It was really fun."

Grade 8 student Emma Scheffee, who was watching the game, said she had a great time.

"It was really good," she said. "I was cheering for our school."

She had friends on the ice, so she cheered them on throughout the game.

The stands were bustling as busloads of students packed into the arena to watch the game.

Constable Paul Potter, community services officer with the

OPP, said the annual game has been going on since before 1985.

"It's good for building relationships," he said. "Every year the new Grade 8 classes look forward to it."

Potter didn't make any excuses for his team's loss.

"Our guys are a little older, but they really like doing it year after year."

The Municipality of Dysart et al donated the ice time for the game. Canadian Tire in Minden donated water bottles and pucks that were given to the kids by the OPP officers after the game, and County Sign and Display provided the logos for the pucks.

The OPP team will be on the ice again this afternoon, March 28 at 2:15 in Minden to take on the Grade 8 Archie Stouffer Elementary School students.

Highlander sports



Photos by Warren Riley

Left: Sarah Storey shows her elegant skating style. Middle: Summer Anderson-Casey skates with her pony. Right: Brayden Storey skates up a storm.

Wilberforce kids wow at Winter Skating Carnival

By Warren Riley

The arena was filled to capacity with anticipation and excitement. Parents and friends alike waited for the announcement that the carnival was about to begin.

Children, hidden behind large tan curtains away from the din of the crowd, were suiting up in their skates and colourful costumes. The many hours of practice were over and it was time to perform.

It was the March 23 Highlands East Skating Club's presentation of their annual 'Canadian, EHI' carnival. The event's success was in part due to volunteer, coordinator and emcee Kathy Rogers. With the help of the children's parents, additional volunteers and sponsors, the event went off without a hitch; less slips, slides, costume malfunctions and tails falling off.

The skaters ranged from three to 15 years of age and wore varied and colourful costumes. From furry cats with flashing LED, dogs with large fluffy ears to pink and black decorative skating outfits, the arena was a scene of youthful activity.

It was Rogers' third year presenting the carnival and she was thrilled at the attendance and their appreciation to all the skaters for an outstanding effort.

"We have 24 skaters this year and we are going to hand out ribbons," she said. "We've had pretty much the same [number of] skaters as before. We have lost a few but we have also gained a few." Humorously she added, "Then they go to hockey."

"I love being on the ice with the kids. I've ended up skating with them and helping the coach to keep them occupied. I like to keep them going instead of playing tag."

Donning a black tie ensemble and cardboard cut-out guitar was first-year skater, four-year-old Brayden Storey from Wilberforce. Storey showed his talents skating to a song by the late Stompin' Tom Connors.

The skating club was honoured to have competitors 14-year-old Joe Stein and his partner, 11-year-old Sarah Storey from Bancroft.

The couple skillfully executed two dance routines in

addition to a free-style.

It was also an exciting first time for three-year-old Summer Anderson-Casey who performed in her mock-up of a brown, tan and white pony. This young lady skated impeccably for her age and received an ovation from the bleachers.

Financial constraints can be a hindrance to any program but Rogers is thankful past and present sponsors came forward.

"We received donations from the Wilberforce Fire Department, the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion and another is the Haliburton District Lions Club this year. We did additional fundraising ourselves by selling chocolate bars and also by assisting at the Santa Clause event here in Wilberforce."

With continuing financial support, Rogers hopes to enrich the lives of young skaters with a sustainable venue allowing them to achieve their potential.

"I think it's just to keep it going; keeping the kids skating and keeping it affordable. I just want them to try anything they can."



Photo by Warren Riley

Erin Little overhands a badminton return.

Badminton returns to HHSS

By Warren Riley

The racquets were swinging while yellow, white and red birdies (shuttlecocks) flew over hung nets. Badminton had started again at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) and the Red Hawks junior and senior badminton teams were practicing for their coming tournaments.

Teachers have been given the go-ahead from the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation to resume extra-curricular and volunteer activities, but that doesn't mean teachers will resume all extra-curricular activities at all schools.

According to junior badminton coach Bob Schmidt, both the teachers and students were excited and anxious to participate.

"The kids were thrilled and that's a good thing," said Schmidt. "I talked to some other coaches and found out what they were doing and that other high schools were running badminton. So with that, it was a full go and a good thing to have badminton this year."

The Red Hawk teams have both boys and girls participating and according to senior coach Jason Morissette, that's a good thing.

"You have girls' hockey teams and boys' hockey teams and we feel this is a different dynamic and [this way] they are all

The kids were thrilled and that's a good thing.

Bob Schmidt
HHSS Teacher

on the same team," he said. "There are only a few sports that you get a chance to do that and I think it's in the best interest."

Prior to the union's announcement, Morissette felt helpless concerning volunteered after school activities.

"I felt like we were stuck between a rock and a hard place," he said. "It was a sacrifice all the way around. I'm a sports guy and it was a shame that it had to come to that point."

Schmidt was thrilled that HHSS was involved in the coming tournaments.

"The junior teams are Grades 9 and 10 and the senior teams are Grades 11 and 12," he said. "This Thursday [March 28] our junior teams will be playing against Weldon Secondary School, Fenelon Falls Secondary and Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute. I'll be deciding whether we play a round robin or elimination but things aren't

finalized yet."

Both Schmidt and Morissette have coached for 16 years at HHSS and are pleased that badminton has started.

"I've been occupied with paperwork and other things but Bob has badminton running like tickety-boo," said Morissette. "But now that we have a wonderful new gym, everyone is anxious to come here and play especially that we have started all over."

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Photos by Mark Arike

Skiers, boarders go for a splash

Some sailed across the giant pool gracefully while others didn't get very far before losing control and plunging into the icy cold aqua. But one thing's for sure: the crowd loved the entertainment. A total of 71 skiers and snowboarders participated in the annual wet and wild Spring Splash at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike on March 23. Many brave souls dressed up for the occasion, which is one of the final events of the winter season. Weather permitting, Sir Sam's will be open during the Easter weekend (March 29-31).

Top: A skier sails over the pool and past onlookers. Middle: Participants like this kayaker didn't make it all the way across but had a fun time trying. Left: It's a good thing this skier wore a life jacket.



Highlander sports

Koehler's dream comes true

By Warren Riley

Representing Canada in any sporting event is an honour and prestigious.

For 36-year-old Karen Koehler of Minden, it was a dream come true. Years of trial and error, patience and perseverance came to fruition at the recent World Sled and Ski-dog Championships in Alaska.

What enticed Koehler to compete dates back many years.

"I grew up in Montreal but always spent my summers at our family cottage near Dorset," she said. "I learned to cross-country ski and did a few cross-country ski classic styled races over time, but I didn't learn the proper skating technique used for skijor races until three years ago."

Garnering accolades at this year's Alaska championships event was not part of Koehler's agenda. She wished to gain the exposure and interaction with fellow mushers.

"A great thing about the world events was skate skiing on Olympic quality ski trails with your dog," she commented. "Most sled races do not have proper ski grooming equipment or proper trail width. My dogs are pretty good about repeating the same trails over and over as long as you change up the route and it is easy to do this at Twin Lakes on Mountain Lake, Minden. However, most dogs get slower when they run the same trail all the time."

Koehler is preparing for the Norway championships in 2015. This event will add

important points helping her to qualify for the 2018 Olympics to be held tentatively at Pyeongchang, Korea.

"I wish it was like Norway here (Haliburton County) where you could take your dogs on all the ski trails," Koehler added. "With many meetings to attend and people to track down sharing that information it is important to have as much knowledge as possible."

Besides receiving time off from her teaching position at Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School, finding sponsors for the Olympics became an additional chore.

"The Trillium Lakelands District School Board gave me the go-ahead for the competition dates [for which] I am very grateful. Then, I began looking for sponsors to help cover expenses. I must mention my husband Rob as he plays many significant roles in my journeys. Not only was his company [Algonquin Electric] a sponsor, but [he was] also the cross-country driver for the dogs and all our equipment and [was] the Canadian Team Captain."

Koehler needed dog boots, food, ski care and warm clothes for her and the dogs. She also needed money for gas.

"Family and friends came through with financial support, but just as important, many people supported us with their friendship and enthusiasm."

Her other sponsors included Heat-Line, Palmac's Pet Food, Dorset Snowball, That Place in Camarvon, Back on Track, Minden Stedman's Department Store, Haliburton Veterinary Services and Sharpley's Source for



Photo submitted by Karen Koehler

Karen Koehler has returned from international competition in Alaska with her dog Bundle.

Sports in Haliburton.

"It is an honor to represent Canada at competitions and I'm looking forward to the events in Norway and Korea," she added. "As with any sport when you start travelling to places around the world you have to buy

the best equipment for yourself and your dogs too. To compete at your best, the sport begins to take a heavy toll on finances, even with efforts like winter camping at races to keep cost down."

Getting your property ready for sale

Putting your property up for sale can be daunting.

Whether you're personally attached or you just don't know whether or not it will sell, listing the property is never an easy task.

While some things are out of your control, there are a number of steps you can take to increase the likelihood that another person or family will fall in love and want to take it off your hands.

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One of the challenges to listing a long-time family home is disassociating yourself from the property. Attachment and sentiment is understandable but it can get in the way. You must accept it is being sold, and once it is, be able to move forward without looking back.

Remember there are new, exciting memories waiting for you at your new location.

Once you've detached yourself mentally from the property, it's time

to detach yourself physically. That means removing personal items, like photos and knick-knacks, from the house or cottage.

Buyers are trying to picture themselves in your home just as you're trying to picture yourself in a new one. Help them by

providing a clean look at the house or cottage so they can envision their photos on the wall and their personal items on the tables.

If they can't picture themselves there, they won't buy. It's that simple.

But don't stop there.

Everybody collects more stuff than they realize. It's easy to hide the junk in unused rooms or closets, but buyers will be looking everywhere. It's important to lose the clutter. This is going to free up a lot of space.

Let the buyer see how much room they're working with. It's hard to grasp a room's full potential when there are boxes cutting off a quarter of the space. The same applies to the backyard. There might be enough room to play catch in the back, but it's hard to tell with a giant trampoline in the way.

Consider how important counter space is in the kitchen or in bathrooms.

It's often one of the first comments a buyer will make when walking through those rooms, so don't give them a reason to

complain. Instead, move the toaster or coffee maker into an organized cabinet, or clear off the vanity in the bathroom to truly maximize those spaces. Wow them with how much counter space they'll have.

Remember, first impressions count.

From the time potential buyers pull up to the property, you need to entice them to buy.

That means curb appeal is a big factor. Keep your lawn green and trimmed. If you have a garden, make sure it's organized and clean.

Don't forget the details, either. Once inside, buyers will look at baseboards to see their condition. They'll check for chipped paint on the walls, that all the doors open and close properly without squeaking, and that cupboard and cabinet doors are aligned.

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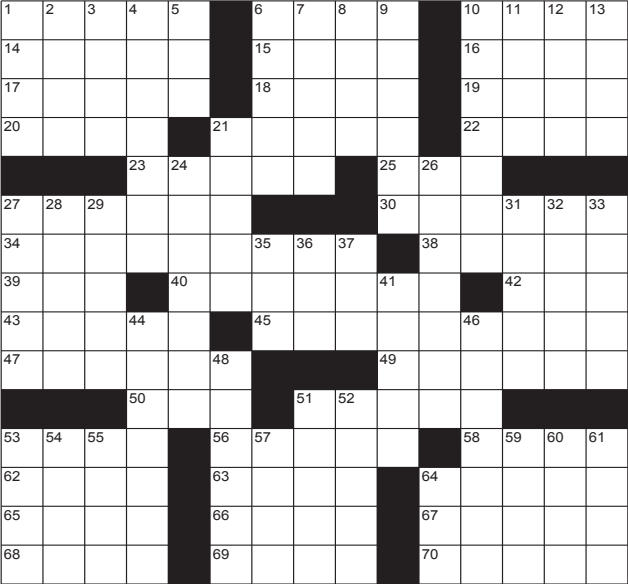
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65. Eye suggestively
66. Sled
67. Pointed a gun
68. Bring up
69. Love deity
70. Make holy
- DOWN**
1. Races the engine
2. Depart
3. _____ Marie Presley
4. Montgomery's state
5. Positive answer
6. Lustrous fabric
7. Beside
8. Incursion
9. "Gilligan's _____"
10. Yarn craft
11. Light brown
12. Jogging gait
13. Bastes
21. Rosters
24. Vocations
26. Microwaves again
27. Maxim
28. Ward off
29. Chose
31. Like Santa's helpers
32. Animated
33. Famous
35. GI's club
36. Salesperson, briefly
37. Opposite of WSW
41. Long-legged bird
44. Sleazier
46. Pedicure subject
48. Paper fastener
51. Australian dog
52. Margins
53. Fragrance
54. Minimum _____
55. She, in Seville
57. _____ cream
59. Pinnacle
60. Observes
61. Attaches
64. Hunting dog, for short

MARCH & APRIL 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 1 p.m.	Good Friday Services: Zion United Church, 9 a.m. Haliburton United Church, 11:15 a.m.	Maple Syrup Festival - Lloyd Watson Centre (Wilberforce), 9-2 p.m. All you can eat pancakes and sausages, adults \$5 and children \$3.	
28	29	30	31

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild meeting – Stanhope Community Centre, 1 p.m. \$2 admission for non-members. 705-489-3751.	Contract Bridge – Minden United Church, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact 705-286-1305. Volunteer Income Tax Program – Haliburton Legion, 9:30-2 p.m.	Volunteer Income Tax Program – Wilberforce Legion, 2-3:30 p.m. and at Minden Legion, 10-12 p.m. Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Meeting , 1:30 p.m. in Ruth Parke's room. All welcome, call 705-754-3319.	The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at over 80 locations!
APRIL 1	2	3	4

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941.			Contract Bridge - (every Monday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941
5	6	7	8

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)
Bid Euchre, every Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, every Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Minden Branch (705-286-4541)
Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon – 2 p.m.
Cribbage, every Saturday, 1-3 p.m.
Bid Euchre, every Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Meat Draw, every Wednesday, lunchtime

Ladies Darts, every Thursday, 1 p.m.
Euchre, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Radio Club, every Friday, 10 a.m.
Fish & Chips, every Friday from 5-7 p.m.
Darts, every Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Open every Saturday & Sunday from 12-5 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221)
Pool, every Friday, 1:30 p.m.
Jam session, every Friday, 7 p.m.
Meat draw, every Saturday, 2 p.m.
Pancake & sausage breakfast, Sunday, 8-11 a.m.
Bid euchre, every Monday, 7 p.m.
Fun darts, every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Send your
community event to
ashley@haliburtonhighlander.ca

Last week's puzzle solutions

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8	6	7	2	5	3	9	1	4
6	2	8	1	4	5	3	9	7
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Fun Fact:

Sherlock Holmes
never said
"Elementary, my
dear Watson."

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Abbey Gardens is seeking a sustainable builder intern. The ideal candidate will have graduated from a post-secondary program in sustainability studies (preferably in the construction or renovation field), carpentry, agriculture, horticulture, or landscaping. The Sustainable Builder position is well-suited for an organized technician who enjoys building small sustainable structures using both traditional and non-traditional techniques. Candidates must be over the age of 30.

Start Date: April 15

To request a full job description please email cara@abbeygardens.ca

To apply, email cover letter and resume to cara@abbeygardens.ca no later than Friday April 5.
Only successful applicants will be contacted.

Position Title: Youth Social Entrepreneurship and Marketing Intern Employer: Haliburton Media Arts and Haliburton County Folk Society

Remuneration: \$15/hr; 35 hrs/week plus benefits

Terms of Employment: 42 weeks.

Candidates must have a diploma or degree from a post secondary institution and be under the age of 30.

This partnership between Haliburton Media Arts (HMA) and Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) involves the development of a Youth Social Entrepreneurship model that will increase opportunities for community members, particularly youth, to learn new media skills and to apply those skills as entrepreneurs. The successful candidate will work with HMA and HCFS to promote, implement and administrate the Youth Social Entrepreneurship project. He/she will also assist HCFS with audience development and the marketing of its programs and services including concerts; and HMA with creation of media for businesses and organizations in Haliburton County. The successful candidate will also be part of a planning team for a symposium for performing arts in rural communities scheduled for April 2014.

Haliburton Media Arts and Haliburton County Folk Society are projects of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative. For more information or a full job description contact Tammy Rea at (705) 935-0298, tammy.l.rea@gmail.com or Barrie Martin at 705-754-3436, barrie.martin@sympatico.ca. This position is being funded by the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to Barrie Martin via mail (1344 Barry Line Rd. Haliburton, KOM 1S0) email, or fax (705-754-3436) on or before April 9, 2013. Only applicants invited to an interview will be contacted.

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Mitch Bateman and Cory Abbs at Jake's Big Break on March 23.

Big Break a big success

By Matthew Desrosiers

It's a special thing when a community comes together.

Cory Abbs and Mitch Bateman are the parents of young Jake Bateman, who was born on Nov. 14 with medical complications.

Abbs spent the first 100 days of Jake's life with him at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, while Bateman worked in Haliburton. Friends and family regularly made the trip up to visit and support the couple.

Jake is in need of a kidney transplant. He is currently 15 lbs, but needs to reach 23 lbs before he can get the transplant.

"He's right on track," Abbs said. "Everything is amazing, it's going very well. We're loving being home as a family."

Despite being home now, the family had to spend money on not only baby essentials, like all new parents, but also on additional expenses such as accommodation and food while Abbs was in Toronto.

She stayed at Ronald McDonald House, a charity that provides affordable lodging for parents with children at the hospital.

They face further medical and travel expenses as Jake continues to have clinic visits in the city.

To help alleviate some of those costs, the family put together a fundraising event at McKeck's on March 23.

Jake's Big Break was a big success, said family member and organizer Pat Monaghan.

They sold 300 tickets to the event, and Monaghan was able to gather thousands of dollars worth of merchandise and donations from local businesses and private donors.

Jennifer Schellenberg, a family member, said the family was floored by the support.

"Honestly, it's amazing the amount of stuff donated," she said. "It's crazy, it's been a lot of support."

There were door prizes and raffle items, as well as a silent auction, a rowdy auction and 50/50 draw.

Nancy Charlton, Jake's grandmother, said the response brought tears to her eyes.

"This community is awesome," she said. "Everybody has just been so nice. My daughter [Abbs] is just beside herself right now."

"It's overwhelming," Abbs said. "The amount of support and love this community has for families like ours and stuff like this is amazing."

Bateman was very thankful.

"It's great how everyone came together," he said. "We had no idea it would be this big. Everybody got on board and have been very supportive."

Abbs said it's part of living in a small town. "Everyone knows everybody and everyone's there for you."

Although final numbers are still coming in, Monaghan said so far the tally raised has surpassed \$10,000. That money will help the family with Jake's medical expenses.

OBITUARIES



Carolyn Hutchings (nee Sisson)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

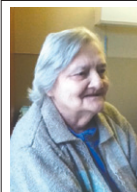
At Oshawa General Hospital on Saturday morning, March, 23, 2013 in her 75th year. Predeceased by her husband William George Hutchings. Loving mother of David (Cathy), Diana, Cory and Connie (Allen Lagace). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Andrew, Kate-Lyn, Zackary, Kyle, Owen and Natalie. Predeceased by her parents Harry and Leata Sisson, her brothers Mervin, Vern and her sister Mary (Roberts). Survived by her brother Ivan and her sister Hanna (Moffat). Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Wednesday morning, March 27, 2013 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Rev. Harry Morgan officiating. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of Lorna Harriett Bridgman (nee Bull)

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Sunday, March 24, 2013. In her 76th year. Beloved wife of the late Willard. Dear mother of Jim, Norma and her husband Ken Garron, William and his wife Terri Lynn, Barbara and her husband Shawn McCord. Loving grandma of Ashton, Stewart, Jesse, Dylan, Eric, Loren, Lexie, Caylee and great grandma of Galexie and Robbie. Dear sister of Lorraine Mitton and predeceased by Lorne Bull. Fondly remembered by her family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, March 28, 2013 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

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- 2 bunkies, shed, double garage
- Year round, fabulous southern view



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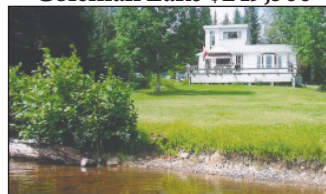
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- Quiet motor restricted lake
- Private waterfront
- Gradual entry, sand bottom
- Easily convert outbuilding to bunkie
- Year round road, close to amenities

Gull River \$179,900



- Great 2 bedroom starter home/cottage
- Minutes from Minden Village
- On picturesque Gull River with miles of boating
- Clean & neat and fully furnished
- A must see!

4 Season Retreat \$474,900



- 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1,213 sq. ft.
- 231 feet waterfront, 2.16 acre
- master bedroom with walk-out to deck
- pine floors, trim, doors, central air
- large lakeside deck and dock areas

Private Tranquility \$259,900



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 950 sq. ft.
- open lake view and all day sun
- spring fed lake with deep water off dock
- numerous upgrades - heated water line
- turn key set-up ready to enjoy



Chris James*
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ext 25

Little Hawk Area \$208,000



- Spacious 3300 sq ft home
- Short walk to public access
- Hiking & snowmobile trails in area
- Short drive to Halls Lake beaches
- Double det garage & large drive-in shed

Lochlin Area Lot \$17,900



- Private, well treed 2.8 acres
- Storage shed on lot
- Hydro at road
- Year round municipal access
- Build your home or getaway!

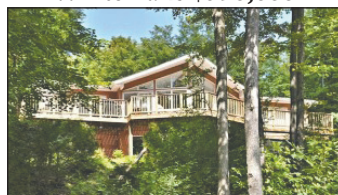


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ext 229



Susan Johnson*
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White Lake \$570,000



- 4 + 1 bdrm., 2 bath, 2,600 sq. ft.
- 140 ft sandy waterfront - 0.87 acre
- double car garage, security system
- double sided 2 level fireplace
- 700 sq. ft. decking, screened in porch

9.92 Acres - Close to Town



- very private cleared setting
- mix of hard & softwood
- several great locations for building
- hydro & phone service at road
- roughed in driveway



Diane Knupp*
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10 Minutes to Ski Hills \$699,900



- Haliburton Lake luxury waterfront 4,000 sq. ft.
- Cathedral ceilings, 5 bedrooms, master w/ensuite
- Built-in appliances, granite countertops in kitchen



- Full finished basement w/ family room
- Double car garage, 4 bathrooms
- 220 feet of pristine wade-in shoreline

Direct Waterfront \$349,900



- 310 feet waterfront, 1.9 acres
- clean shoreline with deep water
- superb privacy, on 5 lake chain
- driveway installed, building site cleared
- hydro & phone at lot

Lots of Private Waterfront \$519,900



- 330 ft. waterfront abutting Crown land
- 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 880 sq. ft.
- lakeside boathouse with rooftop deck
- 600 sq. ft. cabin
- turn key set-up



Anthony vanLieshout***
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Loop Road \$125,000



- 3 bedroom in town home
- walkout basement
- large back yard
- upgraded high efficiency oil furnace
- view of Dark Lake

Gooderham/ Pine Lake \$269,800



- privacy, clean shoreline & sunset exposure
- open concept cottage, bed in the loft
- 2 bdrm sleeping ctge
- backing onto crown land
- sandy shoreline & deep diving



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- level well treed building lot
- 264.11 feet frontage, 3.70 acres
- year round Municipal access off cul de sac
- hydro and phone at property edge
- build your dream home

4 Season Home/Cottage \$649,900



- 4 bedroom, 2.5 washrooms
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Modern Log Home/Cottage \$524,900



- 1.59 acre with 405 ft frontage
- Private lot on quiet lake
- Upgraded dock system
- Master bedroom loft with balcony
- Private setting with yr round access

Kennisis River \$89,900



- Enjoy kayaking/canoeing/tubing
- 211 ft riverfront - 1.21 acres
- Level, partly cleared, treed at river
- Driveway in, hydro at lot line, year round access
- Near Big Hawk Lake & Halls Lake
- Snowmobile trails nearby